



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 21, 2003

OMB Control Number 3060-1038

(Letter sent to Broadcast Networks)

Re: Information Request

Dear :

At the direction of Chairman Powell, the Media Bureau is in the process of gathering information on certain aspects of the digital television transition. This information will be used to assess the impact of prior policy initiatives and to inform future efforts in this area. Accordingly, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, please provide a written response describing:

- (1) Your digital programming feed provided to affiliates, including the time period of programming, the source of the material (e.g., analog or digital videotape, 35 mm film, analog or digital live camera), transmitted format (e.g., 480i, 480p, 720p, 1080i) and aspect ratio;
- (2) The approximate through-put of the digital bit stream devoted to providing your digital feed to affiliates, including the number of individual program streams you are transporting and the through-put bit rate and compression level of each programming stream;
- (3) Your plans for high-definition or other digital programming within the next twelve months, both on your broadcast network and, if applicable, cable programming services affiliated with you or your parent company;
- (4) Your current efforts to develop new digital programming and non-programming services, including estimated deployment schedule; and
- (5) Your current and planned efforts to promote your digital television offerings.

Please provide your response by U.S. Mail or electronically to [DTVSurvey@fcc.gov](mailto:DTVSurvey@fcc.gov). If you wish to request confidential treatment of any information under sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, please provide, as required therein, a complete explanation of why such treatment is appropriate.

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call me or Rick Chessen, Chair of the Commission's DTV Task Force, at (202) 418-7200.

Sincerely,

W. Kenneth Ferree  
Chief, Media Bureau

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